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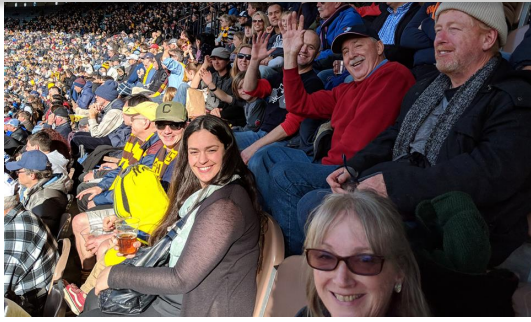
Wow - can we believe it is Term 4 already?

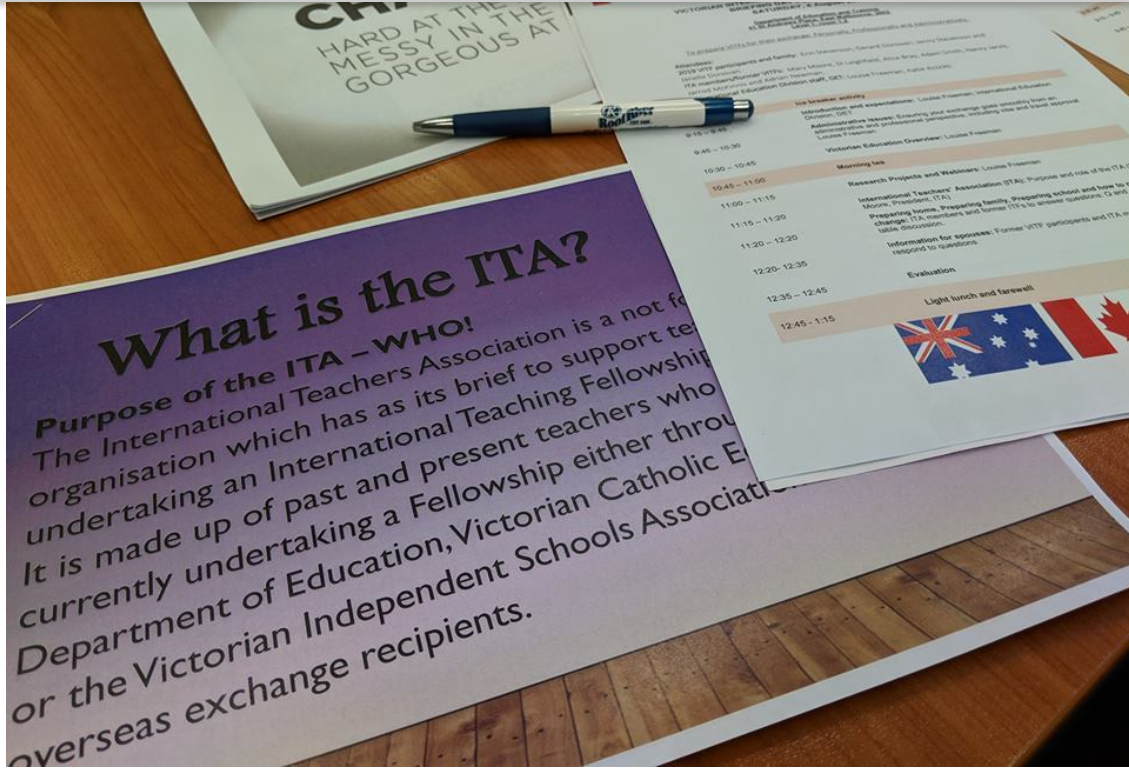
It's almost time to say farewell to our 2018 Canadian teachers and wish our Victorian teachers going to Canada for 2019 the best of luck. Such mixed emotions all around.

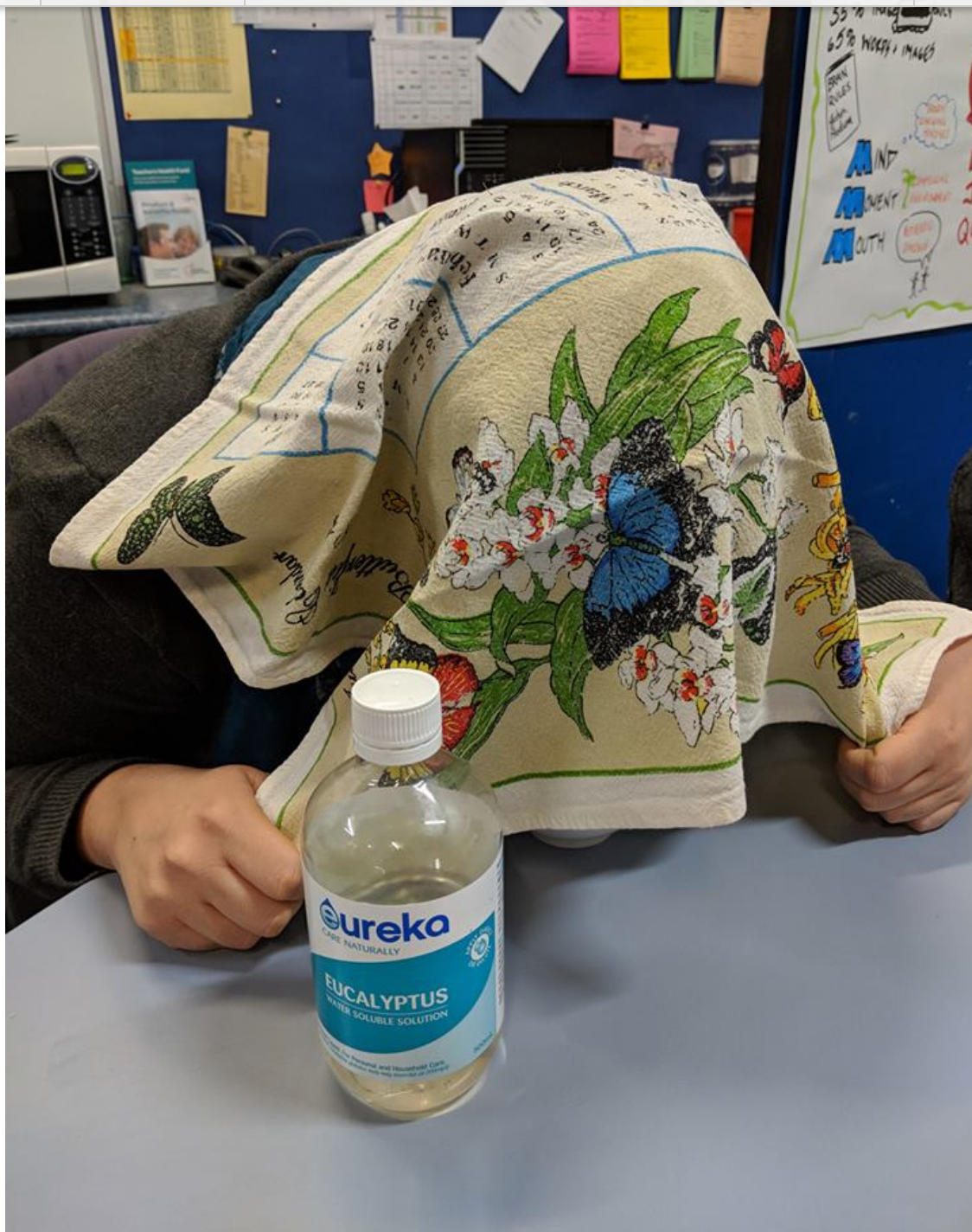
What's been happening?

See the photos below for

1. The footy match - the passion for Aussie Rules footy lives on! Thanks Alice for organising.
2. The briefing session - getting ready for change!
3. The winter remedy - eucalyptus vapours! - winter colds, Spring hayfever. The remedy is eucalyptus.
4. The NSW exchange organisers at the NCIITE conference - us Victorians were away or back at work. We sent our report in and eagerly await the notes.
5. The city tour. [Thanks Paul and Nancy for the photos. Who could resist a lamington?]







Check Catherine's blog: <https://feb122010.wordpress.com/2018/>

Where are they now?

Julie - I went on exchange in 2000 to Minneapolis< Minnesota and it is a long time ago now. I remember when I was preparing to go on

Where did they go?

School holidays have been and gone.

Nancy and Paul went to New Zealand.



an exchange virtually 18 years before mine and who had lots of advice to offer and memories to share. At the time I thought that is a long time ago, how could that still be impacting your life now so long afterwards and be so fresh? Well now I know! My exchange is a long time ago now myself but it is a year that really impacted on my life in so many ways and the journey that I took that year is still very much with me and will continue to be so. The experience of living in another country and working within another education system was the best type of professional learning a teacher could experience plus the the most amazing personal development experience. That is something that stays with one forever and continues to provide one with confidence and a broad minded attitude to life and

Sprouts [that'd be Chris and co] went to New Zealand. Kristy went to Gold Coast and NZ and Adelaide and the Great Ocean Road

Lots of fun and now only weeks left until farewell.

loved the USA, loved
the people I met and
the friends that I
made, loved the work
that I did and loved
the journey that an
exchange takes you
on and what it
continues to give you
for many years
afterwards.



Farewell Function

As we say goodbye to our international teachers and wish them luck on their return home, we also say

December 7th at the Da Hu Peking Duck Restaurant.

Set menu

ITA Members - \$35.

Non-members - \$45

Some wine provided by the ITA.

7:30 pm

171 Little Bourke St & Russell St, Melbourne

This is an opportunity to gather with our Canadian friends for perhaps the last time.

This is an opportunity to keep the dream alive and catch up with past exchangees.

This is an opportunity to farewell our teachers going to Canada for 2019.

This is an opportunity to relax amongst friends who've been there, done that and "get it"!

JOIN US. YOU ARE WELCOME.

Door prizes.

Merchandise for sale - pins \$10 for 15 pins; scarves \$5, hats \$10.

RSVP by November 18th to moore.mary.mk@edumail.vic.gov.au

A great post from Chris and Co with a tale of their adventures of WINTER in Australia:
From Chris and Co:

Queensland is all about freckles...

That may not make sense at first but if you meet my kids you will understand. They are active and from the moment they get up in the morning until bedtime at night, our days are filled with activity. They are those typical kids that get freckles in the summer from hours spent outdoors. But it isn't summer here in Australia right now. It is a little strange explaining to people at home that it does get cold here and we have had a couple of mornings of about -1C. So we were a little excited when we flew into Queensland and discovered that the weather was a much warmer 25 degrees.

Our trip to Queensland started in Airies Beach. We were there for almost a week. In that week we got to go to the Great Barrier Reef twice, went stand-up paddle boarding and spent lots of time at a variety of beaches. My son, Marcus, has discovered that he loves jumping in the waves and will spend hours doing this at the beach. Addison loves getting hit by waves a little less but loved the lagoon that was close to our hotel – it was usually the first place we went after getting up. On a couple of days we were there by 8am or we barbequed dinner there as the kids got one last swim in before dinner. Both kids loved the activity of the area and being outside all day, everyday. The whole family loved snorkelling; we were amazed by the coral and fish on the reef. Wait, I haven't mentioned our other favorite thing to do on vacation. Whenever we are in a coastal area we search for the fisherman's co-op and have fish and chips for lunch. This trip didn't disappoint, it was fun to walk along the docks and then stop and get lunch.

From there we got back on a plane and flew to Brisbane and drove to the Glass House Mountains. We stayed at a cool eco-lodge that had train cars for a library and a communal kitchen. There was a grove of different fruit trees we would pick in the morning and eat throughout the day. Our goal here was to visit the Australian Zoo, home of Steve Irwin and family. Our day at the zoo was fantastic – we got to see lots of animals and were amazed at the variety of animals they have walking around with zoo keepers (snakes,

From there we drove to Broadbeach, with its apartment buildings on the beach and theme parks, it seemed a much bigger urban area after the surf vibe of Airies Beach and the rustic atmosphere of the Glass House Mountains. Marcus and I did a surfing lesson – he still brags that he is much better than me because he got the longest ride. As a family we spent more time exploring, playing mini-golf, finding new parks and playing on the beach.

Then sadly it was time to head home. After 2 weeks of being outside in that famous Aussie sun, nobody really wanted to get on the final plane ride. My parting word for the trip...

Thanks Queensland for the freckles!



Around the Country:

NSW Exchange Teachers League - The New South Wales Exchange Teachers League is a volunteer group of teachers and their families who have been on exchange both within Australia and overseas. The organisation was established in 1930 and has been operating continuously since then.

They are a busy and productive group with events across the large state. If you are interested in

being billeted by any NSW ETL members, you do need to join up to their association as well. Some of their weekend events coming up look VERY enticing - Port MacQuarrie, Great Lakes

Forster, Drummoyne, Sydney by Foot, In fact, heaps of quirky Sydney activities coming up. Their calendar of events looks exhausting and they are sending thirty plus teachers to USA [Colorado] and Canada [Alberta, BC, Ontario, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan] for 2019. They have an active past, current and future exchange group.





Around the globe:

Don't forget to check out CEEF Teachers on Exchange Face Book Page.

Welcome - **An Introduction to Kimberly Sturge – the new CEEF Teacher Exchange Coordinator**

[pictured below with husband, Richard]

I'm happy to be in this part time position at CEEF! I find it challenging and busy and every day brings new things to my learning curve!

I am a retired teacher from the Simcoe County District School Board. I worked in many Elementary schools in the Barrie area for 28 years, 18 of which I was a Teacher-Librarian. Before that I had careers as a Police Officer and as a Social Worker. I was lucky enough to go on a teacher exchange to Sydney, Australia and worked as the Teacher Librarian at Lindfield PS. It was a brilliant year, full of many fabulous memories! I got to explore almost the entire continent there, as well as New Zealand and Bali! I'm still in touch with many of the people I met there and one of my best friends lives near Melbourne in Ferntree Gully VIC!

Shortly after my exchange I met my husband Richard and we have been married now for 8 years! Through him I have two wonderful step children - Julia and Mitchell - who are both living in Toronto with their lovely partners and my 3 grand-puppies.

I have lived in the Barrie area for 38 years now, but have also lived in Southern Ontario, BC and London, England. I travel whenever I can and as often as I can afford! I have been back to Australia with my husband and within these 2 years of my retirement travelled to Hungary, Austria, Germany (Oktoberfest!), Mauritius and many places in the USA.

I'm also very active in our local Garden Club & PROBUS club and whenever I get some time (although not a lot lately!) I volunteer in some of my girlfriend's classrooms and at our local teachers Federation. I am also dog sitting for my friend (who is teaching in Vietnam at the moment) an adorable puppy named Penny for 2 years!



Professional Learning

A big component of an exchange is the professional learning.

Here are some more projects you may be interested in:

Christian Smith	Torquay P – 6 College	Creating an Autism Friendly Classroom
Bernadette Albertson	Galen College	Outreach – reaching out to all students An Integrated Professional approach to
Tegan Bell	Newborough East Primary School	Early Intervention and School Readiness: A Rural Alberta experience
Brett Hobbs	Balwyn High School	Managing student stress and anxiety in a high performing Canadian School
Steve Hamill	Somers School Camp	Empowering students and building school leaders
Nathan Gibson	Manifold Heights Primary School	From Library to Learning Commons – A journey of metamorphosis
Mark Allison	Brunswick East Primary School	Encouraging Students to Read

Mark Sciberras and
Glen Robertson

Emmanuel College

Environment and Self
Efficacy

Thomas Fraser

Warrnambool Primary
School

Assessment and
Creativity in Schools



YOU GET A STRANGE FEELING
WHEN YOU LEAVE A PLACE,
LIKE YOU'LL NOT ONLY MISS
THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE, BUT
YOU MISS THE PERSON YOU
ARE AT THIS TIME AND PLACE
BECAUSE YOU'LL NEVER BE
THIS WAY EVER AGAIN

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Goodbye 2018!

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